

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 20-21, 24-26, 30, and 43-44 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-11, 13-17, 20-21, 24-26, 30, and 43 are amended and claims 18-19, 22-23, 27-29, and 31-42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 21-22, 24, 26-28, 31, 36-37, and 39-42 are allowed. The Examiner is further thanked for the indication that claims 25 and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22, 27-28, 31, 34, and 36-37 have been canceled. For the reasons set forth below, claim 25 has not been rewritten in independent form at this time.

The Office Action rejected claims 14-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 18-19 have been canceled. Independent claim 14 has been amended to address the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17, 19-20, 23, 29-30, 32-33, 35, 38, and 43-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Makino et al. (hereinafter "Makino"), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0077385, in view of Inubushi, U.S. Patent No. 6,064,453. Claims 19, 23,

29, 32-33, 35, and 38 have been canceled. The rejection is respectfully traversed, in so far as it applies to the pending claims.

Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite a mobile terminal having a housing for a display module comprising, *inter alia*, wherein the buffering member comprises a first buffering member disposed between an inner surface of the upper cover and an upper surface of the sub display, and a second buffering member disposed between the inner surface of the upper cover and at least one of a side surface and the upper surface of the sub display. Independent claim 43 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, wherein the buffering member comprises a first buffering member disposed between an inner surface of the upper cover and an upper surface of the sub display, and a second buffering member disposed between the inner surface of the upper cover and at least one of a side surface and the upper surface of the sub display. Neither Makino nor Inubushi discloses or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 1, 6, and 43.

Further, regarding independent claim 6, “the Examiner takes official notice that it is known to structure a buffering member to include venting to prevent moisture buildup.” The Examiner is respectfully requested to provide Applicant with a reference teaching a buffer member with a plurality of vent holes.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite a mobile terminal having a housing for a display module comprising, *inter alia*, wherein the upper cover includes a protrusion portion

that extends from a substantially flat portion up to an opening portion of the upper cover. Independent claim 30 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, wherein the upper cover includes a protrusion portion that extends from a substantially flat portion up to an opening portion of the upper cover. Neither Makino nor Inubushi discloses or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 14 and 30. Rather, the upper cover 22 disclosed by Makino is substantially flat as it extends to the display window 23. See, for example, Fig. 3 of Makino. Sidewalls of the case 1 disclosed by Inubushi extend up to the display window 2. See, for example, Figs. 1-4 of Inubushi.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 6, 14, 30, and 43 over Makino and Inubushi should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 3-5, 7-11, 13, 15, 17, 20, and 44 are allowable over Makino and Inubushi at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 43, from which they respectfully depend, as well as for their added features.

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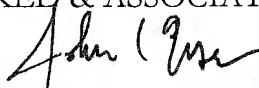
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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